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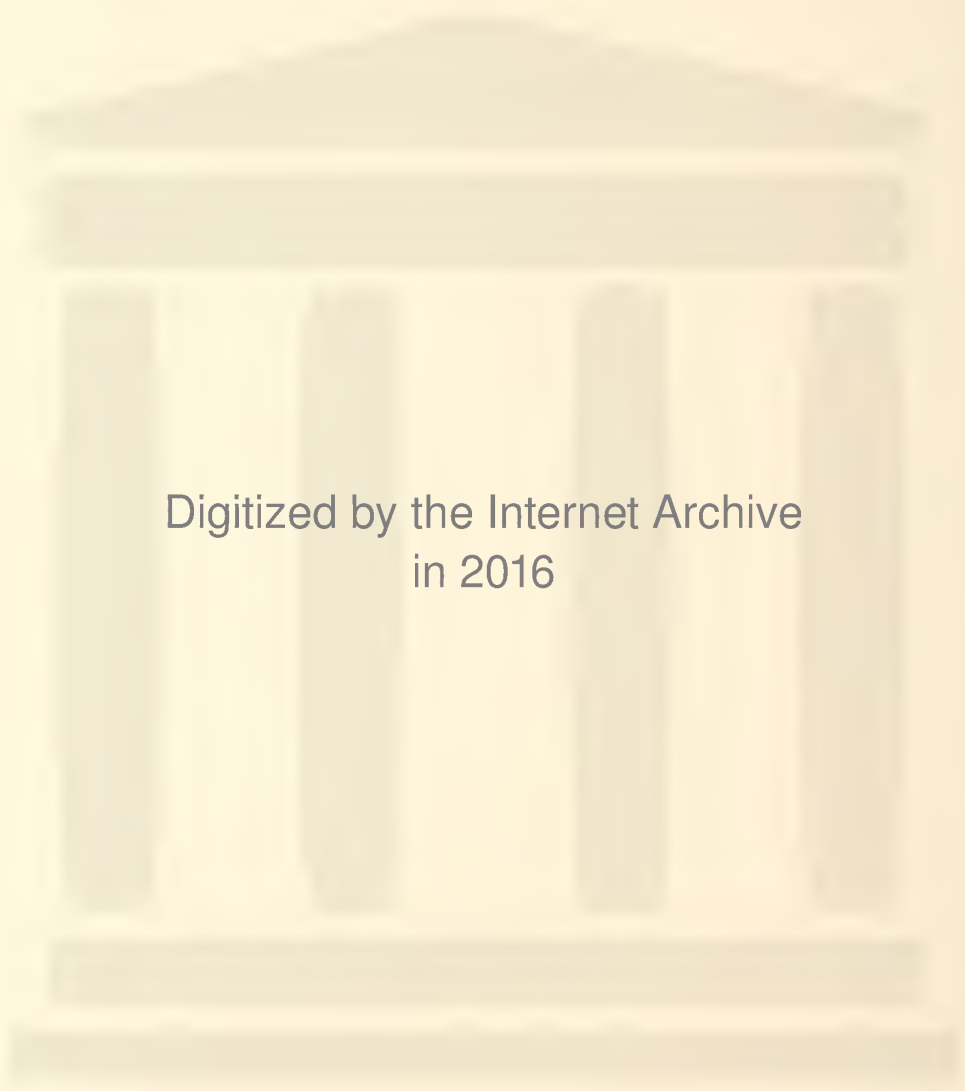
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EDITORIAL.

WE were glad to announce in our last issue, that the "Eighteen Club" had been revived, and it was a pleasure to us to note the occurrence, because things of that nature are always happy events. The weakness for that which is old, a feeling common with us all, is a child of sentiment, and perhaps it has all the more charm for that reason, and also because of the absence of a plain practical reason for its existence. Now, the same men who are the new members of the "Eighteen Club," would have formed just as agreeable a crowd if they had bound themselves together into a new social organization, but yet we all are more pleased to welcome the corpse which they have animated, than we would be to greet a newborn babe of the same family. There is, however, one advantage that age gives in this case, and that is the prestige which accompanies a name which is known, but aside from that, this revival is gratifying for the same reason that it is more of a pleasure to look at Packer Hall, with its vines and touches of age, than at the new Physical Laboratory.

THE revival of the "Eighteen Club" brings to mind another old Lehigh club which in its day performed good services, and which has been allowed to die out. We refer to "The Arcadia," which was founded in eighteen eighty-four, and for six years was a prominent factor in the social side of college life. Its

object was general good-fellowship, and its object was attained. Its list of retired and honorary members composed many of the most prominent men in the Bethlehems, and the meetings of the club were probably more enjoyable and of more benefit to the members than those of any of the present Lehigh clubs. Several old members of "The Arcadia" reside in the Bethlehems, and we hope they may find it expedient to follow in the footsteps of the Eighteen Club.

IN the communication column will be found a few words from the committee of the Class of 'Ninety-six, elected to manage the Cremation of Calculus, in defense of the position which they have taken in regard to that custom.

In considering certain of the sentiments expressed in this communication, we are impressed with the fact that the present Calculus Committee seems to overlook the possibility of the existence of such a thing as difference of opinion. They will also do well to bear in mind that he, particularly, who poses as a reformer, must suffer with becoming grace "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," and further, that, in view of the fallibility of human nature and human judgment, it may sometimes be better to "bear those ills we have than fly to others that we know not of." This is a doubt which existed in a mind whose equal the

present generation cannot pretend to produce, and it is one whose possession the world considers as the distinctive mark of a wise man. However, in the case in hand, the question of the wisdom of this committee, depends upon their choice of a substitute for the Cremation of Calculus, and upon its success or failure in winning or losing a general popular approval.

But that result no man can predict, for what thing hangs upon the smile of fickle fortune, that is a matter whose outcome belongs to the field of conjecture, and with which speculation of any nature can but weakly deal. We, at least, wish them every possible success in what now appears to be a good and honest intention on their part.

BUSINESS HONESTY.

BUSINESS honesty is a term which expresses a peculiar form of morality as applied to every-day life. It has often been said that "business" as a pursuit in life is no place for an honest man. Whether this is true or not depends on the interpretation of the term "business honesty." There is such a thing as being too honest, for the word "too" can be added to almost any adjective in the English language; in other things a man cannot be too honest, but in business he can. And why?

Business is a game. It is a game in which the whole world plays, from the richest merchant who counts his thousands, to the lad in short trousers who trades in marbles and tops. Any dealing of one person with anything is business, and for that moment both parties to the transaction are in the game. Yet when we speak of business, we mean business as a calling, as a pursuit in life, as opposed to a professional career, and when we speak of business honesty, it is of that form of honesty practiced by merchants and bankers and tradesmen the world over.

Now, like all others, this game of business has its rules which govern it. But they are unwritten laws, and consequently are not clearly defined. Precedent and practice teach what good play is, the legal provisions of governments define and restrict the principal wrong plays and the chances of cheating, but the fine points have never been, and can never be, provided for by general rules. Their interpretation depends upon the individual alone, and as

to whether his game is straight or whether it is crooked is a matter of personal character, of one trait at least, of honesty.

Now, honesty is naturally a common virtue. The expression, "There is honor among thieves," sounds paradoxical, but there is much truth in it. It not only shows that in all stations of life man possesses a good heart, but it has the additional meaning that, aside from stealing, thieves are an honest class of men. And how true it is that outside of business, almost all men are entirely different in character from what they are in the pursuit of their calling. It seems that the same rules of morality that apply to life in general, do not apply to business relations. How un-Christian it is for one man to take advantage of another; how uncharitable to refuse aid to the needy; and how wrong to ruin another to save yourself; yet these and many other things are done every day in business, and the world looks on and gives its sanction. And further, there are the business lies that are told every day, and all the deceits and tricks of every trade that are considered perfectly legitimate. Hence we come to see that custom has made business honesty a thing of itself. It is a rule of the game; and, if a man keeps within the rules, is he not honest?

But should there be this difference between business honesty and honesty pure and simple? Why should a rule that applies to one part of our lives be so distorted and changed when applied to another? Most assuredly it should not be so. But yet it is, and will be,

and indeed must be so in the present state of the world's affairs.

It can be said of a business man that, since every man's hand is raised against him, and his against every man, he has sufficient excuse for broadening the limits of his principles of honesty, and of doing as he is done by. To a certain degree this is an excuse, for the day in which the other cheek was turned has passed. Yet the necessity of an excuse presupposes the presence of wrong. But looking at the subject sensibly and practically, let it be wrong, it is not the only wrong that exists in the world.

There are many greater. The world is out of shape in many ways, and nothing short of the millenium can set it straight. From an optimistic point of view it is gratifying that there is any honesty in business at all.

In view of the fact that the rich of the earth are those whose morals have been such as business alone demands, it must have been with some appreciation of the necessary difference in meaning that the great psalmist wrote:

"I was young and now am old, yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begg-
ing their bread."

WINE.

WHAT matters the gold that you read of in story?
Who covets the wealth of Golconda's deep mine?
When looking at you, he of gold thinks no more, he
Leaves all that he values for one sip of wine.

You leave no regret, you develop the vision,
You make a man healthy, not wealthy, but wise.
And who can compare, save indeed in derision,
With the sparkle of wine-drops, a fair woman's eyes?

The Musselman Heaven, we read, has its Houris,
In body, in spirit, in form they're divine.
To the man who prefers them I leave them, I'm sure he's
A fool who would mix thus his *spirits* with wine.

THE TOPER.

A COMPARISON.

THIS life is a blackboard at which we all stand
With problems assigned and with chalk in the hand.
A few paltry figures
Are all we have traced,
The hour expires
And our work is erased.

God grant, when the time comes for us to recite,
That the blackboard presents not a blank to the sight.
The feeling is awful,
Appalling the thought,
That what we have written
May bring us a—o.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

SHE is seated by the fire,
Leaning backward in her chair,
Where the low blaze, flickering higher,
Brightly shines on face and hair.

She is one all men are fond of,
All our hearts are at her feet.
Love and peace she is the bond of,
Is her triumph not complete?

Do you think I'm going to praise her,
Sing her every grace and look?
If I did it would amaze her,
For you see, she is—the cook.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

BEING SUNDRY TALES OF NOWHERE IN PARTICULAR.

A SEARCH FOR A CINDERELLA.

THE search had its beginning late one December night, just before Christmas. Strickland had been to a ball, given by Mrs. Wilson, and was just getting ready to leave for home. Outside of the house the rain was falling in that deceptive way that only December rains have. The street lights shone in fitful gleams through the mist, and the crash of the music, broken in upon every moment by the dull thunder of the carriages on the slippery pavement, was dying fitfully away.

Strickland had put on his coat and, having just said "good night" to his hostess, was pushing his way through the crowd, when he saw lying before him, half-hidden beneath a neighboring *fautuil*, pushed behind some palms, a white satin slipper. His college days were not so deeply buried in the past as to prevent his picking it up, and dropping it, in an absent-minded way, into the pocket of his coat. Buttoning up his collar, he walked quickly down the steps and hurried through the rapidly falling rain to his rooms, not many blocks away.

About two weeks after this, Strickland and Blake were seated in the sitting-room they had in common, discussing idly enough, over their whiskey and water, their many mutual acquaintances.

"Jack," said Blake, "I've wanted for some time to ask you whom that belonged to?" and he pointed with his cigarette-hand to the mantel-piece, over which hung, on a dark-blue plaque, a white satin slipper.

"The Lord knows," was the sententious reply. "There's enough of it, isn't there?" indicating the slipper as he spoke.

Blake got up and took down the plaque, returning with it to his seat.

"Five and three-quarters. Width B," he remarked, pointing to some cabalistic-looking, blue figures marked inside the heel. "Jack," he went on, "you ought to return this. It's a very handsome slipper," and he pointed to a little silver letter "R" fastened to the tongue. "I'll bet you even money," he went on, "that you can't find out the owner inside of six months."

"Done"—and Strickland took the slipper from his friend's hand. "Humph! That'll be easy enough with the initial marked on it," said he.

"Just you wait a little," returned his friend with a grin. "Why, a girl, I don't care who she is, would deny everything and anything, rather than own up to wearing a five and three-quarter shoe."

"By Jove! I never thought of that," returned Jack. "I guess I'll start this evening," and he began hastily to dress.

About an hour later, Strickland might have been seen standing on the steps of a large house on — Street. To his question: "Is Miss Grace at home?" an affirmative reply was given, and he entered the parlor. A lovely girl rose as he entered, seemingly very glad to see him, for she called him: "Jack dear," several times.

Presently he said: "Grace, I found a slipper the other night, and I don't know who it belongs to. Have you lost one?"

"Yes," replied the girl. "I lost one. What was the one like that you found?"

Jack told her.

"That's very like mine," she said.

"Yes," he answered. "Old Blake says no girl would acknowledge a five and three-quarter shoe. I knew he was mistaken."

"How absurd of Mr. Blake. Why, I'm sure if I wore one, *I'd* confess it. That's one thing I'm not ashamed of. I wear three's and a half, and they're miles too big for me. See!" and she vigorously poked the toe of her shoe, which she had evidently got on with difficulty.

"I see," replied Strickland, with a sad, sweet smile.

The next night found him in a different drawing-room, seated near a pretty, fair-haired girl, on a softly-cushioned divan. He had just told her of his finding the slipper.

"Did you say it was a white one?" she asked.

"Yes," said Jack, eagerly.

"Was it a right or a left?"

"A right, five and three-quarters," replied he.

"Then it's not mine. I lost one for my left foot, and anyway, I only wear three's and a half. Why, I can slip all around in that size. Look!" and she thrust out her foot. (The only slipping possible was the slipping into it—and that with a shoe-horn.)

"I thought you wore three's," returned the cautious Jack.

"I do generally. I *can* wear two's and a half," she answered, fairly beaming up at him.

Several days after these encounters, Strickland and Blake were both at an afternoon tea given by Mrs. Winter. Mrs. Lane and Strickland were seated in a little tea-room, opening from the drawing-room proper. The following conversation was overheard by Blake, who was near at hand.

"Oh, Mr. Strickland! Just look at Miss Brown! Isn't she a lovely girl?"

"She is indeed," replied her companion.

"What an awful pity it is that her feet do not match her person," resumed the lady in a disappointed tone, for Strickland had not made the looked-for reply. "Why, she must wear number four's at least!" she went on.

"You wear three's, don't you?" asked Jack, guiltily.

"Why, yes. I had no idea you men were

so clever and observant," returned his companion delightedly. "How did you ever guess?"

"Oh, you waltz so beautifully, and you have such pretty hands," he replied vaguely, with an angry look at Blake, who, with a significant grin, left the doorway against which he had been leaning, and mingled with the crowd.

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"Nellie, I have the best joke to tell you that I have heard for sometime," said Jack to Miss Ross as they walked home from the theatre late one evening.

"Have you, Jack! Tell it to me now," she said.

"No, I'll tell you tomorrow night. That is if you will be at home then."

"Very well," she said, as the door opened.

"Be sure not to forget it."

The next evening, as Jack entered the parlor of the Ross mansion, he was met with: "Well, Jack, have you got that joke to tell me!"

"Yes," he replied, and he laughingly told the story of his vain search for the owner of the lost slipper.

"I should like to see it very much," said the girl, as he finished speaking.

"I have it in my coat pocket," and he went out into the hall, returning with the much-abused slipper in his hand.

"Why!" she said, "that looks like mine."

"Impossible," he returned. "You wear three's and a half, don't you?"

"No," said she, laughingly, "I wear both five and a half and five and three-quarters. Try it on," she added, slipping from her foot her slipper.

He did so, kneeling at her feet.

"You see it is mine, you doubting Thomas," said she, striving vainly to free her hands from his eager clasp.

"Don't you think you owe me some reparation, Nellie?" he asked a little later.

"No," she returned. "Reparation for what?"

"For making me wait so long for my Cinderella."

"Well," said she, blushing. "Perhaps I do, if you really believe you have found her."

And he got it.



THE GOSSIP.

GOSSIP wonders whether other men have the same ups and downs in their thoughts that he has. One night he comes home after "knocking his math," and settles down in his chair to get to work. Everything seems bright. His lamp never before gave such a brilliant light. Calculus seems almost interesting. The castle he builds that night is a wonderful structure, with towers reaching high and battlements beaten by the storms of centuries. Perched on a hill it overlooks the town. The last rays of the sun gild its turrets, reaching heavenwards. The first beams in the morning form a belt around it. The walls of the banqueting room inside are hung with tapestries wrung from the hands of the Moor by some sturdy old Spaniard. The ceiling is frescoed in scenes of the chase by some old artist, long since forgotten. The beauties multiply from room to room. Truly a grand old place is this "castle in Spain."

But the next night after "flunking," what a change. Aladdin's lamp has been rubbed the wrong way. The beautiful castle has changed to a hovel on Shanty Hill, with Mrs. O'Grady in the foreground calling the pigs.

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The Gossip has had very little time to goss lately, an unusual state of things with him, but he is so busy continually reviewing something or other, that he hasn't even had time to get out his straw hat and duck pa—trousers.

The Gossip hopes no one will misconstrue the words "get out" in the preceding paragraph. The aforesaid articles of apparel are stowed away in a trunk; Isaac has not got them.

The Gossip is glad to see the inauguration of Spring foot-ball practice. Hard, honest

work is never without its good results, and though the results will not be apparent in this case until next Fall, The Gossip hopes to see them in the shape of the best team we have ever had, which is saying a great deal.

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The Gossip is loth to chronicle an affair that occurred a short time ago, in which a student defended his dignity against three "muckers;" loth because the student was, in the language of the street, "done up," but otherwise proud to record such examples of pluck in our midst. Among the most useful things one learns at college, not mentioned in the curriculum, are self-reliance and maintenance of one's rights, and The Gossip rejoices to see such strong evidence that these undercurrents of our college life are still flowing.

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The Gossip heaves a sigh of relief as he views the work upon the path that is to cut through the north-western corner of the campus. No longer will the trampling of the grass in that vicinity afford an opportunity for the chronic grumbler to make a kick upon the old and time-worn subject, which has been a never failing source when all else failed. What a good thing the making of this path will be, not only for the appearance of the campus, but for the peace of mind of him to whom the cry of "Keep of the grass" has been more of an offense to his love of originality than an appeal to his appreciation of the true and beautiful. But never fear, the kicker will not be so easily silenced. When we consider that his motto is: "If at first you don't succeed, suck eggs," we can be sure that some new wrong or outrage will soon be unearthed to provide him a topic for the exercise of his delightful habit.

GENERAL NEWS.



ON Saturday, April 28, Lehigh crossed bats with Mike Kelly's aggregation of ball players, and were defeated in a very interesting game by the score of 9 to 2.

The summary:—

ALLENTOWN.					LEHIGH.				
R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Wood, lf.....	0	2	0	0	Bray, cf.....	0	1	0	0
Wise, 2b.....	1	0	6	1	Peck, rf.....	1	1	2	0
Kelly, 1b.....	1	1	10	0	Smith, 2b.....	1	1	6	5
Larkins, cf.....	2	1	1	0	Petriken, 1b.....	0	9	3	2
Mulvey, 3b.....	3	3	1	3	McClung, c.....	0	1	4	0
Milligan, c.....	1	1	7	3	Thompson, 3b.....	0	0	4	0
Moran, rf.....	0	2	0	1	Burley, lf.....	0	0	0	0
Sweeney, ss.....	1	1	0	1	Jackson, p.....	0	0	0	3
Treat, 1b.....	0	1	0	0	Bowie, p.....	0	0	0	2
Donohue, p.....	0	0	0	0	Beggs, ss.....	0	2	2	1
Total.....	9	11	27	8	Total.....	2	6	27	16

INNINGS.

Allentown..... 3 0 0 3 1 0 2 0 9—9

Lehigh..... 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 6—2

Summary:—Earned runs, Allentown 9. Two-base hits, Mulvey, Moran, Sweeney, Treat. Three-base hits, Mulvey, Milligan. Home run, Mulvey. Sacrifice hit, Petriken. Double play, Petriken to Smith. Struck out, Wise 1, Peck 1, Smith 1, McClung 2, Burley 2. First base on called balls, Wood, Kelly 2, Larkins 2, Peck 1, Thompson 1. Wild pitches, Treat 1. Stolen bases, Mulvey 1, Treat 1. Passed balls, Milligan. Left on bases, Lehigh 6, Allentown 4. Umpires, Kilroy and Johnson. Time, 1.35.

WEDNESDAY, May 2, Lehigh journeyed to Princeton and were defeated by the following score:—

LEHIGH.					PRINCETON.				
R.	IB.	O.	A.	E.	R.	IB.	O.	A.	E.
Peck, rf.....	1	1	1	0	King, 2b.....	3	3	0	4
Bray, cf.....	2	1	1	0	W. D. Ward, 1b.....	1	2	15	0
Petriken, 1b.....	0	0	8	3	Mackenzie, lf.....	2	3	1	0
Gadd, lf.....	0	0	1	0	Payne, rf.....	1	1	0	1
Smith, 2b.....	0	1	5	1	Trenchard, cf.....	1	2	2	1
McClung, c.....	1	0	7	1	Brooks, ss.....	0	2	3	2
Thompson, 3b.....	1	3	1	0	Altman, p.....	0	1	5	0
Fisher, ss.....	0	0	0	4	Williams, c.....	1	1	4	1
Bowie, p.....	0	1	0	2	Gunster, 3b.....	3	2	1	1
Total.....	5	7	24	11	Total.....	12	16	27	15

INNINGS.

Lehigh..... 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 2—5

Princeton..... 1 0 0 5 1 1 2 2 X—12

Summary:—Earned runs, Princeton 5, Lehigh 2. Two-base hit, Peck. Three-base hits, Gunster, Trenchard, Williams, Thompson. Bases stolen, King 3, Ward, Mackenzie, Brooks, Gadd. Bases on balls, off Altman 1, off Bowie 6. Hit by pitched ball, Gadd. Left on bases, Princeton 13, Lehigh 6. Struck out, by Altman 2, by Bowie 2. Passed ball, McClung. Wild pitches, Bowie 5. Umpire, Mr. Wycoff. Time, 2 hours.

THE game with Lafayette at Easton on May 5, was an interesting exhibition. Our rivals took advantage of Lehigh's errors, and at the last moment snatched victory from defeat after a ten inning contest. For the first time McClung received a cheer from the Lafayette undergraduates. Appended is the summary:—

LEHIGH.					LAFAYETTE.				
R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Peck, rf.....	1	0	1	0	Holloway, lf.....	0	0	1	0
Bray, cf.....	0	2	0	1	Pomeroy, rf.....	0	0	2	0
Petriken, 1b.....	0	1	11	1	Barkley, c.....	0	0	8	3
Gadd, lf.....	1	1	0	0	Criswell, p.....	1	1	0	4
Smith, 2b.....	0	1	3	3	Drake, cf.....	1	0	1	0
McClung, c.....	2	1	4	9	Rothermal, 2d.....	2	3	1	2
Thompson, 3b.....	1	1	3	1	Walters, ss.....	0	1	2	1
Fisher, ss.....	0	0	2	0	Signan, 1b.....	1	1	13	0
Jackson, p.....	0	0	1	6	Williams, 3b.....	2	2	1	3
Beggs, ss.....	0	1	4	1	Totals.....	7	8	29	13
Total.....	5	8	29	11					

* Peck out for interfering with batted ball. * Barkley declared out.

INNINGS.

Lafayette..... 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 2—7

Lehigh..... 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 0—5

Summary:—Earned runs, Lehigh 1, Lafayette 3. Two-base hits, Smith 1, Thompson 1, Beggs 1, Rothermal 1. Stolen bases, Peck 1, Bray 1, Gadd 2, McClung 1, Pomeroy 1. Sacrifice hits, Bray 1, Jackson 1, Rothermal 1. Double plays, Criswell to Barkley to Sigman. Struck out, Sigman 1, Peck 1, Smith 1, McClung 2, Beggs 1. First base on balls, Jackson 2, Williams 1. Wild pitches, Jackson 1. Passed balls, Barkley 1. Left on bases, Lehigh 11, Lafayette 7. Umpire, Campbell. Time, 1.50.



LEHIGH, 1; CRESCENTS, 0.

THE season opened on the athletic grounds on May 5 with a game with the Crescents, of Brooklyn. It was a very evenly played contest, and Lehigh won by one goal, which was thrown by Van Maur in the second half. Both sides had a great number of shots at goal, Buel and Sutorius both making several good stops. Lehigh's defense played in their usual faultless form, and the

new attack gave promise of great things when time and experience shall season their work.

The teams lined up as follows:

CRESCENT.	POSITION.	LEHIGH.
Sutorius,	Goal,	Buel.
Doyle,	Point,	Dick.
Moses,	Cover Point,	Ordway.
Martin,	First Defense,	Roderick.
Post,	Second Defense,	Polhemus.
Patterson,	Third Defense,	Dornin.
Davis,	Center,	Hilliard.
McLean,	Third Attack,	Massey.
Curry,	Second Attack,	VanMaur.
Roberts,	First Attack,	Bartles.
Miller,	Out Home,	Baldwin.
Drier,	In Home,	Coleman.

ALUMNI NOTICE.

THE Secretary of the Alumni Association would be indebted for any information concerning the addresses of the following Alumni:

J. deW. Carson, '76; C. W. McFarlane, '76; A. M. Glassel, '77; W. S. Cranz, '81; H. T. Harper, '84; E. F. Hofford, '84; G. P. Miller, '88; C. E. Hesse, '89; S. E. Lambert, '89; C. E. Fink, '90; H. W. Harley, '90; D. T. Williams, '90; J. B. Buckley, '91; J. A. Boatrite, '91; J. A. McClurg, '91; Anton Schneider, '92; R. W. Heard, '92. Address, H. H. Stoek, Secretary Alumni Association, State College, Pa.

KERNELS.

—The balloting for president of the Glee Club resulted in the election of W. G. Whildin, '96. The term of office began May 3d.

—Dr. Coppée delivered the last of his series of Shakespearean lectures in the Physical Laboratory lecture room, Tuesday morning, the 1st. The series has been well attended throughout, and this last one on Hamlet, which was especially interesting, was no exception to the rule.

—The Mustard and Cheese Dramatic Society has elected the following officers: President, W. W. Coleman, '95; Secretary, W. R. Okeson, '95; Treasurer, J. J. Gibson, '95; Stage Manager, R. R. Hillman; Business Manager, M. L. Cooke, '95; Musical Director, W. G. Whilden, '96.

—On the evening of the 5th, in the Physical Laboratory, Mr. Jacques delivered a most instructive lecture on the manufacture of "Heavy Ordnance and Armor." He also showed the fabrication of wire-wound guns, and compared those thus constructed with those of the "hoop-type." The lecture was filled with valuable information.

—Meetings of the Sophomore Class were held on the 2nd and 5th. The first was the regular meeting, and at it the honor system was again discussed. The committee appointed to examine the matter for the Class was made six in number. At the second meeting the honor system with reference to the newly instituted quizzes, was finally adopted by the class. At this meeting also, the Class *Epitome* Board was elected from the candidates nominated at the preceding meeting. This Board as elected is H. B. Ayers, D. S. Williams, C. W. Lord, F. A. Daboll, W. S. Ayres, D. W. Wilson, W. C. Dickerman, R. E. Laramy, J. B. Given, J. W. Thurston.

—The monthly meeting of the Lehigh Valley Section of the American Chemical Society was held Thursday evening, May 3, in the lecture room of the Chemical Laboratory, President W. H. Chandler presiding. The following papers were read: "The Commercial Valuation of Lead Tin, Lead Antimony, Alloys," by Dr. J. W. Richards; "Methods of Testing Portland Cements," by Mr. Schotte; "Analysis of Blast Furnace Cinder," by Porter W. Shimer, and "The Dissociation of Chemical Compounds by Heat," by J. W. Spanutius. Among others present was Mr. Whitaker, of the Whitaker Cement Works, who spoke briefly of the manufacture and composition of Portland Cements, and gave the Society some useful information regarding the subject. During the evening Dr. Chandler exhibited to the Society several historical and valuable volumes on Alchemy, which are in the possession of the University Library. The next meeting will be held at Easton in June.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—Much has been said and little done in regard to the promiscuous stealing in the University. There is no doubt in my mind, but that some of the miscreants have been caught and from mere sympathy they have not been reported to the Faculty and the College in general. In consequence the thieves go on with renewed energy, confident that if they are caught, the Faculty will not be notified.

This state of affairs must come to an end sooner or later, and the sooner the better for all concerned. It is the duty of any one catching one of these sneak thieves to report him at once. He is not only doing the college an injustice, but he is harboring a thief, which makes him a confederate according to law.

To my knowledge over twenty dollars have been taken from the clothes in the Gymnasium, while the owners were on the field or elsewhere. Slippers, jerseys, books, and innumerable other things have been filched. The owners of these have surely been able to locate some of these last articles mentioned.

Further comment upon this subject seems useless, and it is evident there only remains one thing to be done. That is to catch one of the robbers and let the Faculty make an example of him. A SUFFERER.

EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—With some surprise your editorial in the last issue of THE BURR, in reference to the cremation of Calculus by the Class of '96, was read. It is so obviously prejudiced and unjust that we cannot allow it to pass without notice.

The committee, chosen at a special election of the Class, studied the matter carefully, consulting upperclassmen, alumni, professors, and other friends of Lehigh, and decided to drop the cremation only after due deliberation. They were sustained in their action by the Class.

The cremation celebrations in recent years have been of such a character as to reflect little or no credit on the classes, and this has been through no fault of the committees having charge of the arrangements. The various committees have worked hard and have deserved better success than has attended their efforts.

The social character of the cremation has been gradually deteriorating, until the celebration has become almost a disgrace. Besides this the expenses are always heavy, and generally involve the class heavily in debt.

It has been with the idea of elevating the social character of the Sophomore's annual celebration, and adding an occasion of dignity to the exercises of Commencement Week that '96 has decided to drop cremation, and substitute something in its place.

Now, just why we should be rebuked so severely for doing what all sensible people have advised us strongly to do we cannot see. To drop a custom which reflects no credit upon the Class and involves an expenditure of hundreds of dollars with absolutely no return, has appeared to us an eminent proper thing to do. This tiresome "harp" about old Lehigh customs appears unnecessary. If a custom has become so bad as to kill itself it deserves its death. No good custom which reflects honor upon the name of old Lehigh will ever be suffered to die out. It will live *because it is a good custom*. But a bad or disgraceful custom will die out despite attempted support, simply because it is a bad custom, and such we pronounce the cremation of Calculus as it has occurred within our recollection of Lehigh's customs.

Your covert sneer in the charge of laziness is unbecoming. Perhaps a little more energy on the part of the writer of the editorial, in looking into the work of the committee, might have revealed some facts which would have caused him to change his unjust statements.

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—The students of the Yale Medical School will publish a magazine devoted to the interests of medical science.

—Dr. Gunsaulus has been paid \$50,000, his salary for five years in advance, by the Armour Institute, to insure his residence at that place of learning for the next five years.

—As a result of the recent hazing at Cornell, a bill has been introduced into the New York legislature imposing a fine of from \$10 to \$100, or imprisonment of from 30 days to one year, on all persons who engage in, or aid in hazing, and making disfigurement from hazing punishable by from three to fifteen years imprisonment.

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